

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 29-46 without prejudice or disclaimer.



COMMENTS

New claims 29-46 were copied from U.S. Patent No. 5,972,575 in order to preserve Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §135(b). In the Communication, Paper No. 17, mailed January 16, 2001, the Office requested that the Applicants specifically apply each limitation or element of each of the copied claims to the disclosure of the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(a)(5).

As claims 29-46 have now been cancelled from the application, this requirement is rendered moot.